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1. SUMMARY: LOCAL PRESS REPORTING OF OCTOBER 1 HAS GENERALLY HIGHLIGHTED SECRETARY'S UN SPEECH AND TALKS WITH SWAPO LEADER NUJOMA AS SHIFT OF US ATTENTION TO NAMIBIA. REPORTING ON RHODESIA HAS FOCUSED ON NKOMO/MUZOREWA MEETING IN GABORONE AND ZIPA AND ANGOLAN DENUNCIATION OF PEACE INITIATIVE. GENERALLY, AFRIKAANS PRESS HAS PUT MORE PESSIMISTIC SLANT TO ITS REPORTS ON RHODESIA THAN ENGLISH PRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON NAMIBIA, ALL THREE MAJOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS, THE STAR, THE RAND DAILY MAIL AND THE PRETORIA NEWS, RAN FEATURES ON SECRETARY'S UN SPEECH UNDER GENERAL TONE OF SHIFT OF US ATTENTION TO NAMIBIA. BOTH THE STAR AND PRETORIA NEWS REPORTS THAT SECRETARY "IMPLIES" THAT SAG MAY HAVE TO ABANDON PROPOSAL ON WINDHOEK CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE AND SWITCH VENUE TO GENEVA.

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THERE IS ALSO A REPORT OF CHIEF KAPUUNO "ABANDONING"

HIS ATTEMPT TO SPEAK AT UNSC AND EDITORIAL CONDEMNATION
BY THE STAR OF THE SC FOR REFUSING TO LET HIM SPEAK.

3. IN AFRIKAANS PRESS, DIE TRANSVALER, UNDER HEADLINE
"SWA: YANKS SATISFIED" REPORTED THAT "PROGRESS WAS
MADE IN THE REALIZATION OF THAT GOAL THAT AMERICA SET
FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO LET SOUTH WEST AFRICA MOVE QUICKLY
TO INDEPENDENCE." IT ALSO REPORTS THAT WAY IS OPEN FOR
GENEVA CONFERENCE BUT THAT RUSSIANS DOING ALL THEY CAN
TO PREVENT IT AND "STAND COMPLETELY BEHIND SWAPO."

4. ON RHODESIA BOTH THE STAR AND RAND DAILY MAIL REPORT
THAT SMITH IS READY TO LEAD RHODESIAN EUROPEAN TEAM TO
CONFERENCE TO DECIDE ON INTERIM GOVERNMENT ON BASIS OF
AGREED FIVE POINTS. SMITH, THEY REPORT, WILL NOT GO TO
CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE WHICH AFRICANS WOULD USE TO
RENEGOTIATE ASPECTS OF PROPOSALS "AGREED IN PRETORIA."
THE STAR FRONTPAGES STORY THAT MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA
ARE WORKING TO UNDERMINE PEACE INITIATIVE. IT CITES
NASCIMENTO'S CONDEMNATIONS OF US-UK PLAN IN ROME INTERVIEW
AND ZIPA DEPUTY POLITICAL COMMISSAR'S DENUNCIATION IN
MAPUTO. PRETORIA NEWS HEADLINES "RED MOVE TO SINK PEACE
PLAN" WITH RELATED STORY. REPORTING ON MUZOREWA/
NKOMO MEETING IN GABORONE "PRETORIA NEWS" SAID THEIR
MEETING "COULD BE A MOVE TO END THE LONG FEUD" BETWEEN
THEM BUT "THE WORLD", THE LARGEST BLACK NEWSPAPER, TOOK
OPPOSITE SLANT SAYING THE TWO FACTIONS ARE STILL BADLY
SPLIT.

5. "THE WORLD", WHOSE EDITOR MET WITH SECRETARY IN
SEPT 18 GROUP MEETING, RUNS EDITORIAL WHICH SAYS
OBSERVERS SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED AT REACTION OF FRONT-
LINE PRESIDENTS TO SMITH'S PROPOSALS. PROPOSALS WERE NOT
KNOWN TO THEM UNTIL AFTER GIVEN AND BESIDES, THEY DO NOT
COMPLETELY REJECT THEM BUT ACCEPT "BROAD BASE" OF PLAN.

6. IN AFRIKAANS PRESS, "DIE TRANSVAALER" HIGHLIGHTS
MUZOREWA'S REFERENCE TO CONTINUED FIGHTING UNTIL ESTABLISH-
MENT OF INTERIM GOVERNMENT UNDER HEADLINE "TERRORISM WILL
CONTINUE, BLACKS THROW COLD WATER ON RHODESIA". ALSO
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CITES OAU SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SAME EFFECT. "DIE
VADERLAND" CALLS RHODESIA "THIRD VICTORY OVER WHITE MAN
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA" AND SAYS SOUTH AFRICA IS IN FOR
"TROUBLED ERA" WITH ALL THREE OF ITS BUFFER STATES GONE.
IN MORE UPBEAT NOTE, HOWEVER, "DIE VADERLAND" REPORTS
"POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT" THAT MUZOREWA HAS DECIDED TO SERVE
WITH SMITH IN INTERIM GOVERNMENT.
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